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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, St/I/R

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SUBJECT: Evaluation of Economic and Geographic Reporting
from Sofia Legation

REFERENCE: St/I Notice No. 60-38, dated 24 October 1960

1. There has been little in the way of geographic reporting from the Sofia Legation to date. Despatch No. 61, Field Trip Through Portions of Bulgaria, 20 June 1960, was of interest and represents a type of reporting which would be of considerable value to the Geography Division if broadened in scope to include more detailed descriptions of post-1943 changes in the Bulgarian landscape -- i.e. expansion of urban areas, development of new mining and industrial centers, drainage and irrigation projects, construction of reservoirs, deforestation and reforestation activities, etc. A despatch from the Bucharest Legation -- despatch No. 201, Bulgaria Twelve Years After, 25 April 1960 -- is an excellent example of reporting of great value for geographic intelligence purposes.

2. Items concerning minority groups and peasant resistance, such as items 2 and 3 of despatch No. 24, JOINT WEEKLY No. 2, 2 April 1960, are of continuing geographic intelligence interest.

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